

WEST ERIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

*And Abraham came near and said,
“Would You also destroy the righteous
with the wicked? – Genesis 18:23*

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THE LORD'S WORSHIP SERVICE
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements & Preparation for Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 147:2-5

Leader: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

All: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

All: Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

*Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Irreg. H.W. Greatorex, 1851

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen, amen.”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

*Psalm of Praise**

TUNE: LANCASHIRE 76.76.D

“Psalm 147:1-11, 19-20”

“Lead On O King Eternal”

Praise GOD! ‘Tis good and pleasant, And comely to adore;
Jehovah builds up Salem, Her outcasts doth restore.
He heals the broken-hearted, And makes the wounded live;
The starry hosts He numbers, And names to all doth give.

Our Lord is great and mighty; His wisdom none can know;
The LORD doth raise the lowly And sinners overthrow.
O thank and praise Jehovah! Praise Him on harp with mirth,
The heav’ n with clouds Who covers, And sends His rain on earth.

He clothes with grass the mountains, And gives the beasts their food;
He hears the crying ravens, And feeds their tender brood.
In horse’s strength delights not, Nor speed of man loves He;
The LORD loves all who fear Him, And to His mercy flee

The words that He has spoken To Jacob He makes known;
His judgments and His statutes To Is -ra -el has shown.
Not so to any nation Did He His grace accord.
For they’ve not known His judgments. O do ye praise the LORD

CONFESSION OF FAITH*

Apostle's Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

All: *Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Hear now our silent confessions in Jesus name.*

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

Leader: Hear the good news! "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Psalm 1

TUNE: ARLINGTON CM

"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"

1. O great - ly bless - ed is the man Who
 2. Nor sitt - eth in the scorn - er's chair, But
 3. He shall be like a tree that grows Set
 4. And all he does shall pros - per well. The
 5. In judg - ment, there - fore, shall not stand Such
 6. Be - cause the way of god - ly men Is

3
 walk - eth not a - stray In coun - sel of un -
 pla - ceth his de - light Up - on GOD'S law, and
 by the wa - ter side, Which in its sea - son
 wick - ed are not so, But are like chaff which
 as un - god - ly are, Nor in th'ass - emb - ly
 to Je - ho - vah known, Where - as the way of

6
 god - ly men, Nor stands in sin - ners' way,
 me - di - tates On His law day and night.
 yields its fruit, And green its leaves a - bide;
 by the wind Is dri - ven to and fro.
 of the just Shall wick - ed men ap - pear.
 wick - ed men Shall quite be o - ver - thrown.

PASTORAL PRAYER

All: *“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”*

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 25:1-14

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

All: *O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.*

Leader: Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

All: *Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.*

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

All: *Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.*

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

All: Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

Leader: The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Leader: For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

All: Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

Leader: He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

All: The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-42

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" ²⁷So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." ²⁹But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹"Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²"Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴"So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵"On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'³⁶"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" ³⁷And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴²"But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Peter 2:1-22

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. ³By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. ⁴For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked ⁸ (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds) -- ⁹*then* the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, ¹⁰and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, ¹¹whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord. ¹²But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, ¹³*and* will receive the wages of unrighteousness, *as* those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. *They are* spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. *They have* a heart trained in covetous practices, *and are* accursed children. ¹⁵They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. ¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. ¹⁸For when they speak great swelling *words* of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. ¹⁹While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. ²⁰For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²²But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

Hymn of Preparation*

TUNE: PARK STREET L.M.rep.

"All You That Fear Jehovah's Name"

Frederick M.A. Venua

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his
 2. The suf - f'ring One he has not spurned, who un - to him for
 3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple
 4. For all the meek you will pro - vide; they shall be fed and
 5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand ... in
 help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered
 • songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship
 sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er
 shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

awe be - fore his face, stand ... in awe be - fore his face.
 his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.
 • you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.
 end - ing prais - es give, and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give.
 works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

SERMON

Genesis 18:16-33

“The Way of the Righteous”

Pastor Marc Miller

- 16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way.
- 17 And the LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,
- 18 “since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?”

- 19 "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."
- 20 And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave,
- 21 "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."
- 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.
- 23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
- 24 "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?
- 25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
- 26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes."
- 27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord:
- 28 "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it."
- 29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty."
- 30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."
- 31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty."
- 32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."
- 33 So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Sermon Notes:

- Point 1

- Point 2

- Point 3

*Hymn of Response**

TUNE: WHAT A FRIEND 8.7.8.7.D.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The treble staff contains the melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment with chords and notes. Chord symbols F, Bb, F, and C are placed above the treble staff.

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

The second system of musical notation consists of two staves. The treble staff contains the melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment with chords and notes. Chord symbols F, Bb, F/C, C, and F are placed above the treble staff.

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

The third system of musical notation consists of two staves. The treble staff contains the melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment with chords and notes. Chord symbols F, Bb, F/C, C, and F are placed above the treble staff.

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

The fourth system of musical notation consists of two staves. The treble staff contains the melody with notes and rests, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment with chords and notes. Chord symbols F, Bb, F/C, C, and F are placed above the treble staff.

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major). The first system has a key signature change to two sharps (D major) for the first few measures. Chord markings are present below the piano line: F, Bb, F/C, C, and F7.

BENEDICTION*

* --Please stand if able

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Prayer Requests

- This week's WEPCA Missionaries: The Williams Family
- Pray for country's leaders
- Pray for our covenant children
- Pray for our Elders and Deacons.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers and students

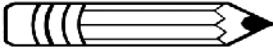
Announcements

- Prayer meetings continue: Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. – ZOOM.
- Men's Bible Study: Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Let's Study Philipians" chapters 17 – 18.
- Sunday School: Sundays, 10 a.m. – In person, 3 elementary aged classes, 1 adult class. The adults are studying the Westminster Shorter Catechism.
- Women's Bible Study: Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. – In person & ZOOM, "Contentment" by Melissa Kruger (video series) & "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. Contact: Mary Moser (cuteviolin93@gmail.com). ▪

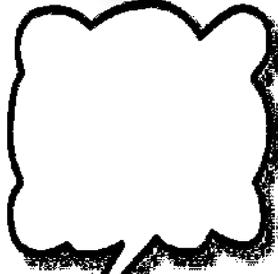
- Spring Cleanup and mulch day: Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m.
- We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper next week. Please take some time this week to prepare your hearts through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

Date: _____



As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

What is the main passage we are reading today??

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?



Favorite song today was:

WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- **We are Historically Reformed.**
 - We believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - We believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - We hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - We believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- **We are Community Oriented.**
 - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- **We are Confessional.**
 - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
 - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
 - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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